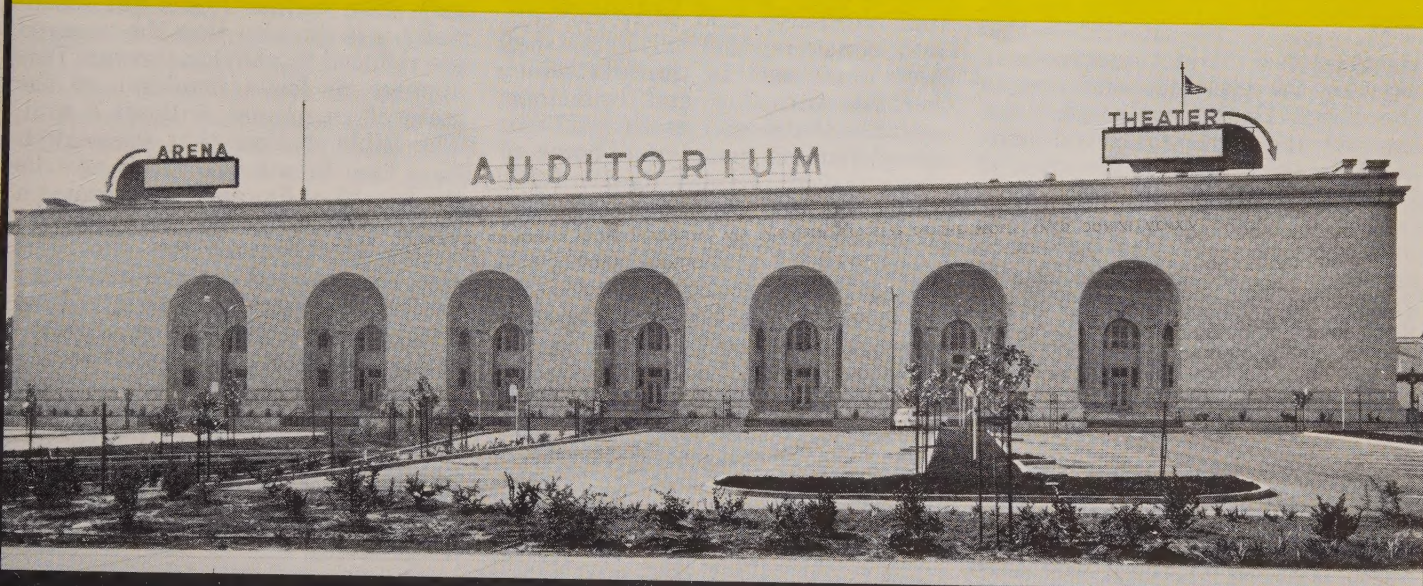


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GUEST EDITORIAL

"HELL" — A MUCH USED, YET MUCH MISUNDERSTOOD WORD.

Pastor Ruben A. Wilson, Jr.
Escalon Assembly of God



Jesus taught that death to the righteous is a glorious transition. He taught that we who have been born-again will live forever. The Apostle Paul goes so far as to say that death was a much awaited experience that would be the entrance into the heavenly presence of God. The Bible teaches us that there awaits a heaven of perfection for every true believer, and that Jesus in His own resurrection proved that the dead in Christ shall rise again.

Matthew 25:46 establishes that there are two distinct resurrections. One for the righteous and one for the sinful. Daniel the prophet foresaw this and wrote; "... And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to everlasting contempt..." The Revelation amplifies this in 20:6 "... Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and Christ and shall reign with him a thousand years."

Inherent in the minds of all who come under the influence of the Gospel is the truth that God has prepared rewards for those who trust in Christ for salvation. Even the heathen have a vague understanding of this. They believe there are rewards for those that please God and judgments for those that do not. Sometimes in their vagueness they are more accurate than the human-

ists who leave God out of their lives entirely.

Hell is the word most used to describe the eternal destiny of the wicked. Jesus used it in this context and it is important for us to understand the finality with which He described hell.

However, the place we often call hell is actually much more serious than the word indicates. In Revelation 21:8 "... But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death..." This description of the eternal home of the unsaved promises indescribable suffering. It is called the second death because it is the final judgment upon all who persist in sin and refusing to accept salvation.

Many people object to such a concept of hell—They prefer to give the responsibility for sinners going to hell to God rather than to the sinners. Then they rationalize, "How can a loving God send people to hell?"

In answer to this question we quote the scripture that says "... God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance..." However God cannot save a person who will not allow himself to be saved.

At the confluence of the American and Sacramento rivers on the outskirts of the capital city of

California, over the years many people have drowned in the swirling currents. Recently the newspapers carried the story of a rebellious youth who decided to go swimming at this treacherous location. A fisherman in his boat called to the youth warning him that many had drowned including another young man just a few days previous. In reply the youth swore at the fisherman and told him to mind his own business. However, in moments the man heard anguished cries of help, steering his boat toward the lad, alas, he was too late, the boy drowned because he had spurned the offer of salvation.

Thus it will be for those who are cast into the lake of fire.

In search for some other explanation for the eternal destiny of the unsaved, some of the cults have developed an annihilation theory. This may take various forms but essentially it is the idea that the unsaved are reduced to oblivion forever. This appears to leave mankind in the state of an animal, without a soul. The Bible teaches that in creation "... God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul..."

One viewpoint of this theory is that the unsaved are annihilated at death to be recreated at a later time and given a second chance of salvation. They further complicate the process by teaching that if people reject salvation during this second chance then they will be forever annihilated. Which prompts us to ponder; how often can something be annihilated that has already been annihilated?

The Word of God teaches us that the wicked will exist eternally, just as will the righteous. Revelation 14:11 "... And the smoke of their torment ascended up forever and ever, and they have no rest day or night..."

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Revivaltime Giving in Our District

DECEMBER REPORT

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| TOTAL REPORTED | \$4,027.95 |
| CHURCHES GIVING | 107 |
| PERCENTAGE OF CHURCHES PARTICIPATING THIS MONTH | 32% |

C. M. Ward Discusses Eternal Security Issue

The "eternal security" issue is the theme of Revivaltime Evangelist C. M. Ward's recent book, "Is It True—Once Saved Always Saved?"

Examining both sides of the debate centered around Ephesians 2:8—"For by grace are ye saved through faith," the book is basically a reemphasis of human responsibility in Christian living. A highlight of the publication is the powerful radio sermon, "Peter's Second Conversion," which evoked appreciable response from Revivaltime's listening audience.

Latest Revivaltime Book Features Five Radio Sermons On God's Will

"Impressions—Can God Tell Me What To Do?" is the title of C. M. Ward's latest book. Dealing with the subject of God's will, this printed ministry consists primarily of five radio sermons: "Impressions;" "Guidance;" "Common Misunderstandings About the Providences of God;" "Can God Tell Me What To Do?" and "Beware."

What Is The Level Of Your Giving?

1. The "Tip" level—a nickel or dime as you would tip a waitress; 2. The "Entertainment" level—only when you come to church, just as you would if you attended a ball game or a concert; 3. The "Emotional" level—only when you are moved and that's about once or twice a year; 4. The "Promise" level—people who pledge and never pay the pledge; 5. The "Bible" level—those who pay their tithes and joyfully give their offerings... Sounds like method "5" is the best; if you haven't, try it!



ADMINISTRATIVELY SPEAKING

JOSEPH L. GERHART
District Superintendent



Q. Brother Gerhart, I do not understand the basic principals which govern the operation of the District Council especially in regard to finances.

A. As your Superintendent has conducted many church administration seminars throughout the District, he has been aware of the need of better understanding concerning this very important phase of District policies. He does not have the space to go into it fully but will give what he trusts will be a helpful brief of the present policies.

We all must recognize first of all that the District Constitution and By-Laws as prepared by your elected presbytery and adopted by the Council in session must be strictly adhered to by ALL members of the Council, both Assemblies and Ministers. The elected District Officers do not establish policies that effect you as either a Minister or Assembly. Policies are made by you, the members, and handed down to your District Officers to be followed and implemented. We, your officers, endeavor to carry out your prescribed policies very carefully and prayerfully. Should there be a question as to the meaning of any particular policy, only your elected Presbyters in session have the power to interpret such. This is a rule which you have established in your Bylaws and which is always faithfully followed.

You, the members of the District Council (both church and minister)

have established a policy allowing your Presbytery to spend up to \$75,000.00 of your money on any one project. You have established a policy allowing your Executive Presbytery to spend up to \$25,000.00 on any one project. Your District Officers (all of us) spend money only as decided by you or your Presbytery (in session). Further, the District Presbytery meets each year in the Planning Council and adopts an annual budget which is prepared by and presented to the Presbytery by your Board of Finance. (See Finance Board, Art. VI, Boards and Committees, Sec. 2 'b' in your District By-Laws). This leaves your District Officers with the responsibility of simply carrying out decisions made by the District Council or the Presbytery in their respective sessions.

The system for financial support of all District Departments including General Administration, is established by the District Council or the Presbytery in their respective sessions.

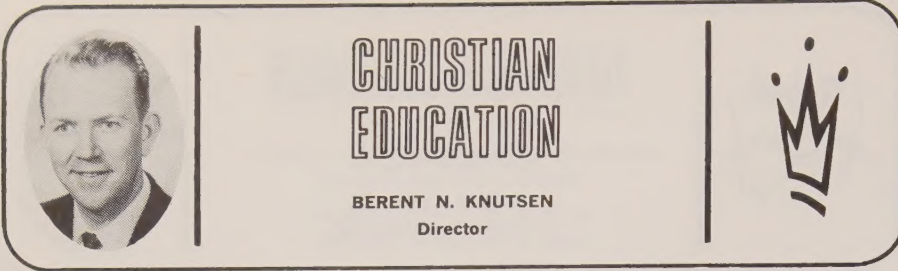
If there are further questions relative to this, or any other District policy, please feel free to contact your District Superintendent. In your By-Laws you have made him responsible for supervising all implementation, in keeping with your instructions, which he endeavors to do faithfully and without exception or preference. He is your humble servant and desires to serve you well.

552 STUDENTS NOW AT BETHANY

The Spring semester at Bethany Bible College began with registration January 22 and 23. Sixty-seven new and returning students enrolled at the college for this semester including three international students. They are: Miss Clarice Shaw from Calcutta, India; Mr. K. T. Joykutty, Karala, India; and Mr. Chong Yil Lee from Seoul, Korea.

These new students raised Bethany's total enrollment for this academic year to 552 as compared to 525 for 1966-67.

Six from Bethany's Senior class completed their graduation requirements with the end of the fall semester. They include the following: David Bright, Mentone, California; Susan Burger, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Marvin Erisman, Oakville, Ontario, Canada; Howard McAnney, Penns Grove, New Jersey; P. T. Mammen, New Delhi, India; Thomas Needham, Lake Preston, South Dakota; O. Carl White, Santa Cruz, California; Patt Allen, Oakridge, Oregon.



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C. E. LUNCHEON -- MARION RAVAN

Topic: *GOLDEN IDEAS TO GROW BY*

DISTRICT COUNCIL

CIVIC AUDITORIUM • MARCH 7

A luncheon with you in mind. Reverend Raven brings a totally new packet of "Ideas That Work." Accumulated throughout the nation, you will be the first to share these concepts and contests for Sunday School growth.

Would you believe that out of the Action Commissions, your church will receive the following benefits:

A Seminar for Pastors and Superintendents. This year's program looks greater than last. (Ours is the only District with a seminar of this kind.)

A Convention for Pentecostal School Teachers. (See announcement below.) The first in the nation.

A year round team of Pastors working together to pattern our Boys & Girls Camping Program to the needs of your church.

A packet to assist you in getting the most from the Children's Evangelistic Campaign. (This will be available soon.)

A team whose sole concern is to explore and develop ways to instill the Assembly of God Missionary fervor in our children.

To help you develop stronger teachers in your Sunday School. Courses for "In Service Training" are being determined. Recommendations will be forthcoming.

The V.B.S. program is being objectively studied, and a report is being presently compiled.

For those interested in forming a Doctrine Course, a study is being made on available materials.

For the Church that proposes to begin a Day School, Day Nursery, Pre-School, a library of pertinent material is being organized and deposited at the District C.E. Office. Consultants are also available through the Commission.

Pastors and laymen serve you, our District, and our Lord through these Commissions . . . free gratis. On behalf of the C.E. Dept., I would like to express my appreciation for the accomplishment as well as sacrifice. You, too, can say thanks by availing yourself of their studies or their seminars and conventions.



ATTENTION ALL SCHOOL TEACHERS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS CONVENTION

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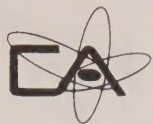
YOUTH MOBILIZED FOR LODI CRUSADE, APRIL 8-12

A total of 100 qualified C.A.'s are currently being recruited to participate in the upcoming witnessing crusade to be held in Lodi during the Easter Vacation, April 8-12. Youth volunteers will do personal witnessing house to house and will be involved in other evangelistic opportunities in the evening. Purposes of the crusade are to witness, win, follow up, and integrate into the local church.

To qualify, a young person must have a personal relationship with Christ, be at least a sophomore in high school, and be among the first 100 who qualify before the April 1st deadline. It is expected that team members will abide by the regulations of the crusade, contribute \$5.00 toward its expense, and participate in its entirety. Of prime importance is the necessity of having a love for souls, a love for God, and a dedication to His Service.

The crusade begins Monday, April 8 at 8:00 a.m., and concludes Saturday noon, April 12. Team members must provide their own transportation to the crusade. Housing and meal will be provided by the local church.

For applications, write Youth Missions Mobilized, C. A. Dept., P.O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, Calif. 95060.



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THURSDAY, MARCH 21
8:00 P.M.
SAN JOSE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM
MARKET AND SAN CARLOS STS.

SAN FRANCISCO

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8:00 P.M.
NOURSE AUDITORIUM
HAYES AND FRANKLIN STS.

OAKLAND

SATURDAY, MARCH 23
8:00 P.M.
OAKLAND AUDITORIUM THEATER
TEN 10TH STREET

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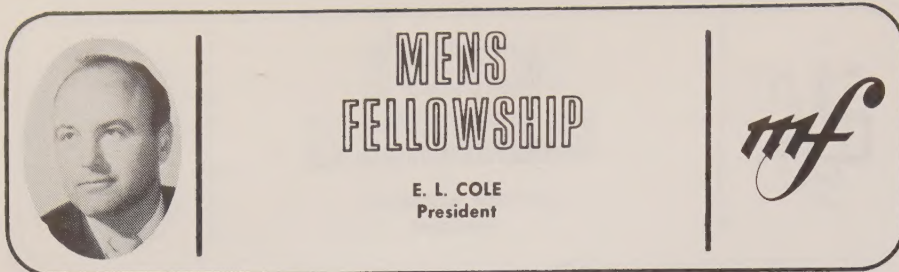
Hear... DAVE WILKERSON

Author of "The Cross and the Switchblade"

GREATER BAY AREA

OAKLAND AUDITORIUM ARENA
TEN 10TH STREET

MARCH 5TH 7:30 P.M.



E. L. COLE
President

OFFICERS' SEMINAR

More men than ever are today involved in Men's Fellowship. Its growth has been satisfying, and its ministry has been blessed. Men involved are at an all time high and continued reports of accomplishments by local Fellowships are a blessing to all who hear.

To tell of these and to formulate plans for further efforts in the 'Cause of Christ' through Men's Fellowship there will be an all day Seminar on March 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. President's are expected to bring their entire staff of officers together with their pastor for this full day of information and inspiration.

Attendance is by reservation only, and the place of the meeting is not announced and will be sent only to those registering for the event. Every local Fellowship President is encouraged to send for further information or to write for reservations immediately to: Mr. Burke Hollison, Box 961, Santa Cruz, California 95060.

FRONTIERSMAN CAMPING FRATERNITY

It was bitter cold on January 5 in the Oakland Recreational Park located in the East Oakland hills. But sixteen men braved the cold of night and the rugged terrain in darkness for a "Frontiersman Camping Fraternity" initiation that tested the mettle of the heartiest of men.

The highest order of Royal Ranger life is to achieve membership in this fraternity. Today the membership list is at an all time high due to the eleven men inducted into membership and today the members in Northern California-Nevada District are twenty-six strong.

Members in alphabetical order are: Ed. C. Anderson, George Azevedo, David Baker Sr., Fred Barbee, Marvin Brazwell, Jack Clough, E. L. Cole, Bob Combs, Gene Curran, Herb Ellingwood, Jerry Flory, Rich Harrah, Harold Harris, Paul Johnson, Harold Knox, Larry Lackey, Jim Logan, Jerry McGuire, Max

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"Days Of Refreshing"

You are invited.

That is, if you are a man.

Only men may attend.

No telephone, office desk, bosses, or anything else intrudes into the most pleasant and relaxing 48 hours that a man can enjoy.

Fishing, praying, golfing, testifying, swimming, singing—a real mixture of physical, social, and spiritual enjoyment free from everything except a man's own happiness in 'pursuit of God'.

This annual men's retreat occurs again this year at Silver Spur Lodge in Tuolumne and many men are already making plans to attend, with some having made reservation before leaving the last time. Every man is invited to attend.

Entire cost of the encampment that begins on May 9 and continues through Saturday of the 11th is only \$19.50. Reservations may be sent now to "Days of Refreshing", Box 961, Santa Cruz, California.

RANGERS RULES

Hand signals are an integral part of Royal Ranger life. So are rules adopted among them that are peculiar to their own specie.

One of the rules of courtesy that is taught a Ranger is that he is always to be courteous in speech. Commanders always set the example.

Courtesy of speech in 'Ranger life' says that in a rally or formal meeting of any kind no Commander may be addressed any other way except that of "Commander". He may not even be addressed by that Christian salvation of 'brother'.

At a recent rally conducted by Sectional Commander Toone in Community Church, Modesto, for the Central San Joaquin Section the rules were in effect. Everything was fine, until Commander Toone himself addressed Commander Lowell Erickson as 'brother'. The punishment for such a breach is to kiss the right toe of the person addressed wrongly.

Commander Toone paid the price of his misdemeanor . . .

MAPS RECRUITMENT

"Already the foundation has been laid for the new church in Freeport, Grand Bahama Island. This was done by a group of laymen who flew over and worked hard to clear the property and put in the footings."

That's the latest from "Here's the Latest", a publication bulletin from the National Men's Fellowship office. It tells of the MAPS program that is lending itself to "Volunteer Missionary Service Abroad". MAPS stands for "Mobilization and Placement Service."

General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman says, "MAPS is a challenging new opportunity for our personnel to serve Christ at home and abroad by utilizing training and talents in active Christian service."

Men involved in MAPS give their time, pay their travel, support themselves and expenses, in order to help build units needed in other countries. Most of the efforts now are in Central or South America, in underprivileged countries where the need is greatest.

Men from across the country are involved in this effort.

Needed now are plumbers, plasterers, electricians, laborers, carpenters, and cement finishers. These men are needed during part of each month from now through August somewhere in Central America. If you are reading this and would like to give some of your time, talent, and treasury to the Kingdom and help some of your less fortunate brethren you may find out more about this program by simply writing: Rev. Norm Correll, MAPS Coordinator, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

Should any Men's Fellowship desire to act in a team effort either here in this District or overseas, there are several projects that are now being considered by your District Men's Fellowship. Further inquiry should go to: Rev. E. L. Cole, Box 961, Santa Cruz, Calif. 95060.

IN MEMORIAM



Mr. Fred Flessing

Christian
Gentleman
Scholar

1968 MISSIONETTES CONVENTION

Many things are planned to make this the greatest Missionettes Convention ever!

Audrey Meier will be our guest speaker. The girls will love her as she ministers in her unique and appealing way.

The dime float parade promises to be very exciting. Our goal is \$1200 this year to purchase office equipment for our missionary, Helen Rye, of Mexico. She needs a typewriter, mimeograph and many stationary items.

The luncheon will be at the elegant El Dorado Hotel. Everyone remembers last year's luncheon as being a highlight of the day.

Special music, the Coronation of the queen and princesses, and a m-y-s-t-e-r-y guest will make this a day that Missionettes will never forget.

We recommend that you do everything necessary to allow the Missionettes of your church to attend. The cost per girl is \$6.00. The Convention is to be held April 11 at Bethel Temple in Sacramento. Please send your reservations in so that we can plan for your girls a place at the 1968 Missionettes Convention.



WOMENS MISSIONARY COUNCIL

GOLDIA ANDERSON
President



EAST BAY SECTION MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA

Paper flowers, potted plants and a beautiful oversized Missionettes emblem decorated the fellowship hall of Oakland First Assembly of God for the East Bay Section's Mother-Daughter Tea. Lovely refreshments were served by the girls.

During the year the Missionettes clubs of the Section had been making and buying as many dresses as possible to be sent to the Hillcrest Children's Home in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Since the mothers of the Missionettes had assisted their daughters in making the garments they all came together so that the girls could model the darling dresses for their mothers and one another.

After the tea the garments were

packed in boxes to be sent to Hillcrest. There were about 35 or 40 dresses in all.

De Loryce Boyd narrated the program and Betty Patton was program director. It was announced during the program that Mrs. LeRoy Cloud was the East Bay Section's new Missionettes Director. She will replace Mrs. Gloria Argue, who moved to Santa Cruz because of her husband's appointment as DCAP.

Sharon Summers, District Missionettes Director was invited as a special guest and Rev. Ed Anderson, West Coast Benevolences Representative showed the film "A Child is Wanting," which tells the story so vividly about life at Hillcrest Children's Home.



AUDREY MEIER



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1968 MISSIONETTE CONVENTION

THURSDAY, APRIL 11th

BETHEL TEMPLE
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA



LIGHT FOR THE LOST SUNDAY

The date is set and the target city is named.

May 5 is National Light for the Lost Sunday and Singapore is the area where gospel literature will be distributed in a saturation program aimed at reaching as many souls for Christ as possible.

Each local Men's Fellowship is asked to take part in a service that day to present the need of Light for the Lost, and to help to raise the \$10,000 needed for this literature effort in Singapore.

If any church in Northern California or Nevada would like a guest layman for the day, or a team of men to present the ministry of Light for the Lost all they have to do is request it of the District Men's Fellowship office. These men travel without charge to the local Assembly and will be happy to do what they can to assist in any way.

The 'genius' of Light for the Lost is that laymen underwrite the operating expenses so that 100% of every dollar can go directly to Light for the Lost literature.

CAMPING FRATERNITY

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Nungesser, Jim Sexton, Ken Smith, Ray Tice, Ron Toliver, Glen Toliver, Glen Toone, and Paul Wertz.

Each of the members of this fraternity have completed their entire Leadership Training Course and have earned the "Medal of Achievement".

Officers are Harold Knox, President; Max Nungesser, Vice-president; Ed. C. Anderson, Scribe; and Paul Johnson as "Mr. Frontiersmen".

Program

Monday, March 4

7:00 p.m.—Light-for-the-Lost Banquet—Kaiser Center
Rev. Phil Hogan, *Speaker*

Tuesday, March 5

10:00 a.m.—Annual WMC DAY
Nora Lam, Hong Kong, *Speaker*
1:30 p.m.—WMC Penny Parade
5:00 p.m.—"Friends of Youth" Banquet—Kaiser Center
Rev. David Wilkerson, *Speaker*
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Rally—Music, Songweavers
Rev. David Wilkerson, *Speaker*

Wednesday, March 6

9:00 a.m.—Memorial and Communion Service
Rev. Thos. F. Zimmerman, *Speaker*
10:00 a.m.—Business Session
12:15 p.m.—WMC Luncheon—Edgewater Inn—*Guest Speaker*
1:30 p.m.—Business Session
5:00 p.m.—Home Missions Banquet—Holiday Inn
Rev. Vic Trimmer, *Speaker*
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Rally—Music, Bethany Bible College
Rev. Thos. F. Zimmerman, *Speaker*
10:30-12 p.m.—M. F. Prayer and Fellowship Hour
First Church (Men Only)

Thursday, March 7

9:00 a.m.—Devotional
9:15 a.m.—Business Session
12:15 p.m.—Christian Education Luncheon—Auditorium Ballroom
Rev. Marion Ravan, *Speaker*
1:30 p.m.—Business Session
3:00 p.m.—Annual Bethany Bible—College Corporation Meeting
5:00 p.m.—Adjournment of Business Session
7:00 p.m.—Annual Ordination Service
Rev. Thos. F. Zimmerman, *Speaker*

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MISSIONETTE PICTORIAL

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Vic Trimmer
Home Mission
Banquet



Nora Lam
WMC Day
Speaker



Marion Ravan
Christian Education
Luncheon



The Missionettes Club of Orleans, California, are shown holding the Christmas stockings they sent to the children at the Hillcrest Home. The girls also sent boxes to servicemen and ministered to shut-ins during 1967.



This pictures the Missionettes club of the Chinese Christian Center in China Town in San Francisco.



The Senior Missionettes group at Bethel Temple in Sacramento are shown with their sponsor, Beth Vian. Each week the girls empty their individual dime banks into a safe. The girl with the most dimes takes the trophy home for that week and the one with the trophy the most weeks has her name engraved on it at the end of the year and she is allowed to keep it.



PEOPLE AND PLACES

All news in this section is printed as contributed by the Assemblies. We welcome brief reports from all of our Churches and Evangelists. All photos should be sharp, high contrast, black and white glossies.

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EVANGELIST GEORGE HOLMES' . . .

. . . thrilling teaching-preaching ministry has recently been enjoyed by the Assemblies of *Roseville, Burney* and *South San Francisco*. Reverend Holmes is an excellent Bible teacher, and his presentation is stimulating and interesting as well as informative.

EVANGELIST J. L. JEFFREY . . .

. . . has been elected to serve as Pastor of the *San Rafael Assembly*.

PASTOR JOSEPH FERRANTE OF NAPA, BETHEL ASSEMBLY . . .

. . . reports, "Voting membership has increased from 16 to 50 in the past year. Five have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and over a score have been saved. Two have entered full-time ministry, five have gone to Bible Schools, and one has gone to Evangel College, Springfield, Missouri. We give the Lord Jesus Christ glory and praise for a congregation which has been kind, lovely, generous, precious, spiritual and cooperative. Yes, indeed, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us!"

AUBURN FIRST ASSEMBLY . . .

. . . has enjoyed three weeks of wonderful meetings with Evangelist Leonard Miller. There have been several saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Martin Engebretsen

MACDOEL ASSEMBLY . . .

. . . reports outstanding meetings and spiritual progress as souls are being saved and the work progressing. *Pastor Jerald Morris* expresses gratitude to God for what is being accomplished in this small community.

ROHNERVILLE KIDS KRUSADE . . .

. . . a record number of boys and girls attended the Kids Krusade conducted by *Evangelist Charles Senechal* at the Rohnerville Assembly. The total enrollment was 253 children, ages 4 to 14. The peak attendance was 168. 90 boys and girls were prospects for the Sunday School, not attending anywhere. Many responded to the altar calls for salvation.

Pastor Rev. Joseph Murray

VALLEY ASSEMBLY OF DANVILLE . . .

. . . reports continued progress in this new Home Missions effort. *Pastor David Elmes* writes, "The blessings have not only been numerical but also financial as friends have continued faithful Home Missions support. In our last annual business meeting, we decided to tithe of our total church income to missions . . . one-half to Home Missions, and one-half to Foreign Missions and also give \$10 per month to the District Office Administrative Fund. The total amount that was given in this past year was \$1,028.00. Only God has allowed us to help others proclaim His glorious Gospel around the world. We want to thank each of you who has contributed to our efforts in Danville. We invite you to visit the church if you are ever in our area."

REV. FRANK M. BOYD . . .

. . . recently conducted excellent meetings for the *Quincy Assembly* where *Leland B. Good* is the Pastor.

ELY, NEVADA, PASTOR AND MRS.

S. A. DUNN . . .

. . . wish to express their sincere thanks for the financial support which has been contributed to the Assembly during the long months the copper mines have been on strike. Without this help, the church could not have continued to operate. The mines are still on strike although there are hopes that it will be settled within a few weeks. Friends may still contribute through the District Home Missions Department.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY . . .

. . . had a 'Ground Breaking' service in December. They expect to begin the erection of their beautiful new sanctuary which will seat between 500 and 600 at an approximate cost of \$175,000.



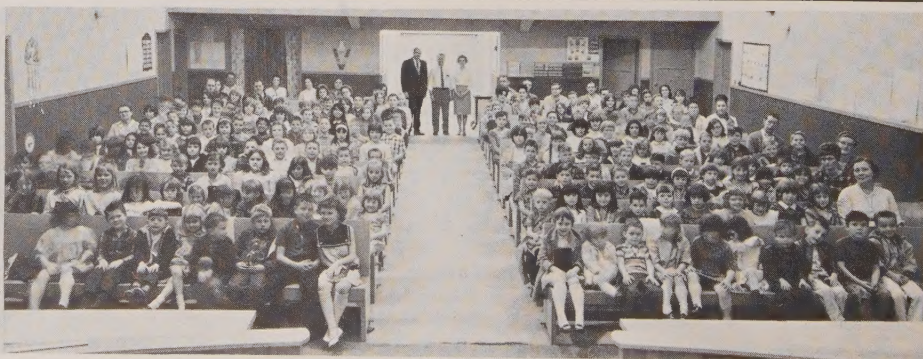
EVANGELIST LONNIE FERREN . . .

. . . has concluded excellent meetings with Pastor James B. Daniel in Mazie, Oklahoma. Pastor Daniel states, "We had the deepest spiritual move among the young people that we have experienced in the four years I have been here as pastor. Some of our youth took a stand for Christ at school and this has caused quite a stir among other students."

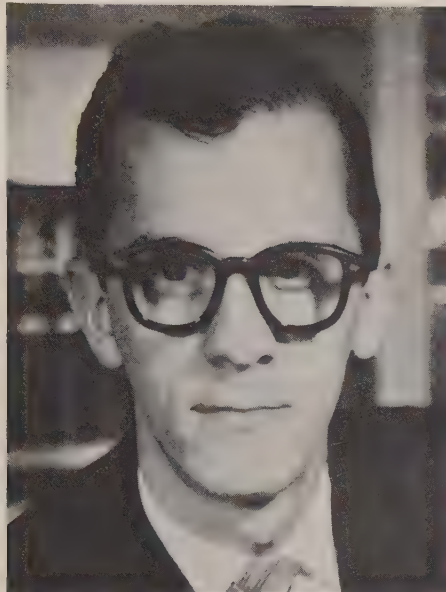
FORT BLISS, TEXAS . . .

"Christian Greetings! Our God has certainly been good to all of us. We had a wonderful Christmas with several of our A/G servicemen in our home for dinner, including one Wac

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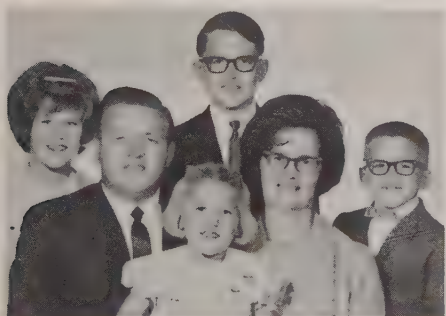
MEET THESE PASTORS:



1. Rick Howard, newly appointed Pastor of the Dublin Assembly.



2. The Wilford Frazier family, Eureka, Henderson Center Assembly.



3. The Pike Robinson family, Benicia Assembly.

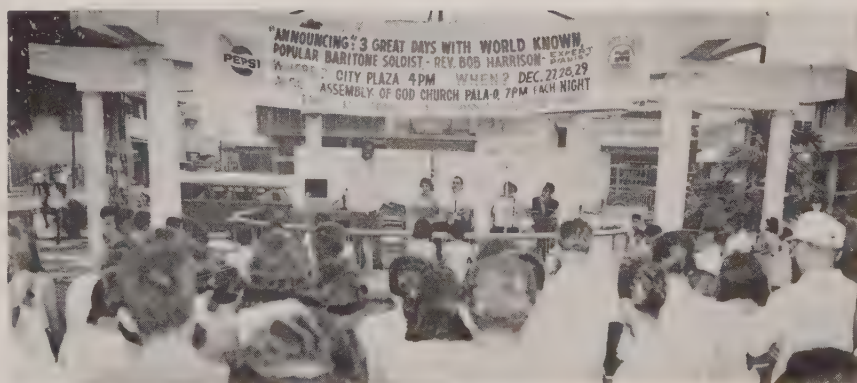
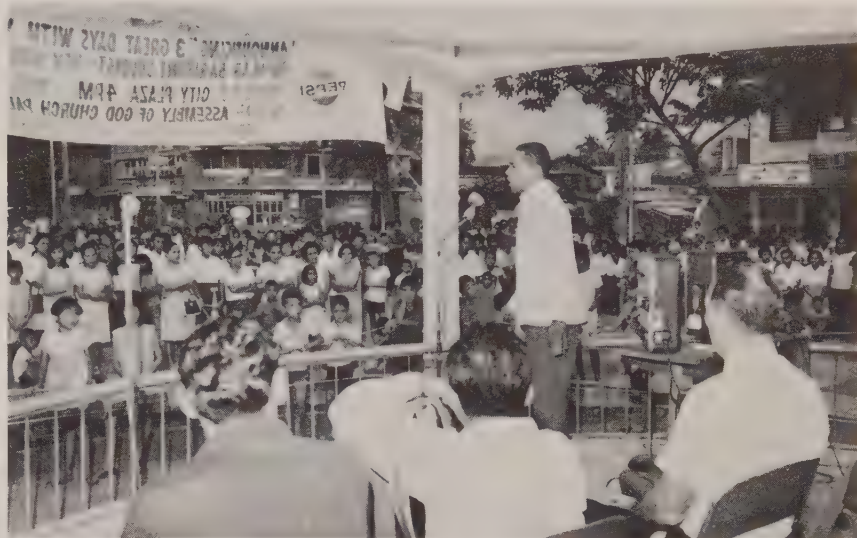
Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Bishop . . .

. . . have been elected to serve the Aptos Assembly. Rev. Edgar Branson is the new Pastor at Alamo Assembly. The Cottonwood Assembly has called Rev. W. C. Ross as Pastor. Kelseyville Assembly has elected Rev. Duane Driver as Pastor. Mrs. Archie Pool is serving as Pastor of the Trinidad Assembly.

ILIGAN CITY, MINDANAO, PHILIPPINES

. . . Missionary *Gunder A. Olsen* reports on special meetings conducted by *Evangelist Robert (Bob) Harrison*, "The new Assembly of God of Iligan City, Philippines was host church to the Visnomin District C. A. Camp Meeting, held December 27-29. In three days, Bob thrilled this camp and City with his anointed singing and preaching. As well as services conducted in the church, morning and evening, we also held outdoor meetings each afternoon in the City plaza. There was great in-

terest and many observed from their hotel windows and places of business. Several were saved and many contacts were made for follow-up. According to the District C. A. President, this was the best attended C. A. Camp in the history of the Visnomin District. We have invited Evangelist Harrison to return to Iligan City for a two-week City-wide campaign in the near future. We covet your prayers for this booming, industrial City of the Philippines."



NEW CHURCH IN LAS VEGAS

R. A. Wilson, Assistant Superintendent and Wilbur Wacker, Executive Presbyterian for Nevada, met with a group of people who expressed a desire to begin an Assemblies of God church in the Twin Lakes area of Las Vegas.

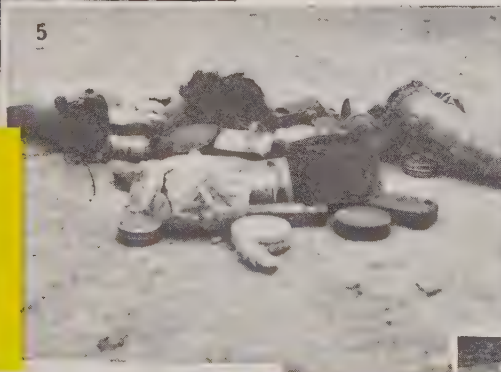
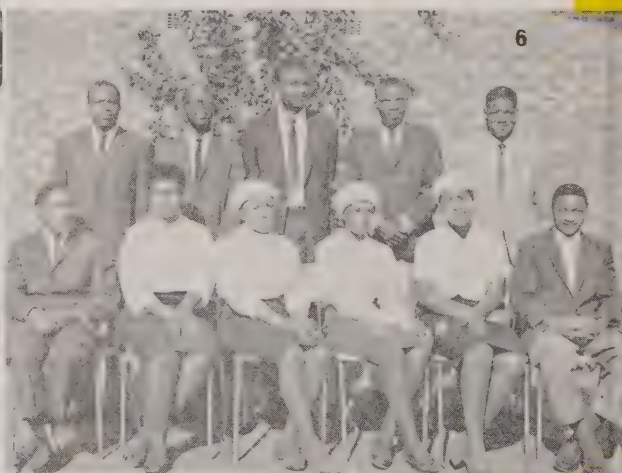
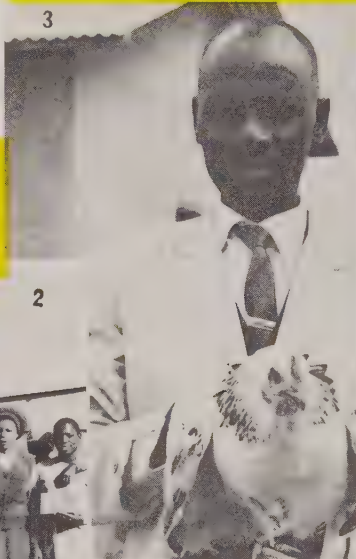
Rev. Harold Christianson was chosen as pastor and a hall has been secured to hold services in.

They report a fine attendance at their opening services.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Miss Lydia Graner and members of her family whose mother passed away early in January. Miss Graner's mother was 93 years of age and had not been well for some time. Miss Graner is a missionary in South India.

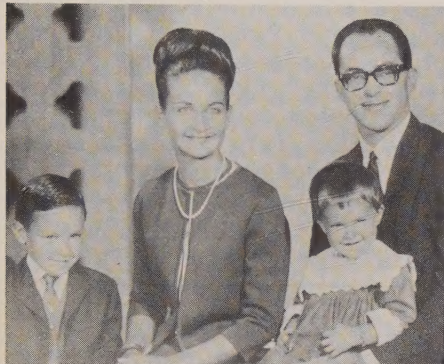
A GLIMPSE INTO SOUTH AFRICA WITH THE MEL GRAMS

1. S. Makoola, Supt. of Botswana work (l), Mel Grams of South African Bible Training Institute (r).
2. Young people who want to attend the Bible school.
3. Pastor Justice with fowl he presented to the Grams.
4. Baptismal candidates.
5. Jujus for burning.
6. 3rd year students at A.B.T.I.
7. Typical Botswana village.
8. Revival Team Choir of A.B.T.I.



EARL KRAMARS LEAVE FOR BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

After successfully completing their language study in Guadalajara, Mexico the Earl Kramars have left for Bogota, Colombia where they will be engaging in youth and Bible school work. Their new address is Apartado Aereo 11314, Bogota 2, D.E. Colombia, South America.



Christmas dinner for the Chinese speaking group at the San Francisco Chinese Christian Center. →



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Banquet held at Glad Tidings, S.F. fellowship hall — the English speaking group and Oakland group.



SIMULTANEOUS SERVICES

Steady growth has been seen in the Chinese church in San Francisco during the past year. Shown is a Chinese speaking and English speaking combined service at their meeting place on December 24.



BETHEL BIBLE SCHOOL, PUNALUR, SOUTH INDIA CELEBRATES FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Bethel Bible School was founded in 1927 by Rev. J. H. Burgess who was Principal of the school until he and Mrs. Burgess retired from the mission field in 1950. Mr. Burgess is now teaching in Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo.

In 1949 the school was located on its own property in Punalur. Graduates from the Bible School have established 70 churches which are all pastored by Nationals.



Present student body and teachers at Bethel Bible School, Punalur, Kerala, S. India. Lydia Graner, 2nd row, left; M. Ginn, next.



Peravanthur church dedicated recently.



Students ready for street meeting at Bethel Bible School.

BETHANY RECEIVES AUTO GIFT

In December '67, Bethany Bible College in Santa Cruz was given this late model Rambler Ambassador sedan. The Reverend Oliver E. Summmers, (r) director of Development, is shown making delivery of the car to Bethany's business manager, the Reverend Eldo Lindgren. The automobile, which is fully equipped and air-conditioned, is valued at over \$2,000.

Oliver Fox, a member of the College Council, was instrumental in arranging the gift from the donor, John E. Patterson of Walnut Creek, California.

Federal tax laws encourage the taxpayer to support religious, educational and other charitable organizations by allowing deductions on federal income tax returns for the value of contributed real and personal property.



BBC Accreditation

On January 25, Bethany Bible College received official notification of its continuing accreditation with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the West Coast regional association. This comes as a result of action by the association's executive committee, based upon the report of the evaluation team of educators who visited Bethany's campus November 27 through 29. Dr. Cordas C. Burnett, President of the college, reported that the extension of the regional accreditation runs through June, 1971. Bethany also maintains its professional accreditation with the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges.

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MORE PEOPLE & PLACES

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stationed here at Wm. Beaumont Hospital. It was a joyous time of fellowship, carol singing, reading of the Christmas story, and prayer.

Being an Assistant Center Chaplain at the U. S. Army Air Defense Center is an interesting, exciting assignment. I have supervision of the Center Sunday School which averaged 538 in attendance this past quarter. The Protestant Youth of the Chapel come under my responsibilities as well as having custody of the Protestant Chaplains Fund.

Of approximately 40 chaplains here, I am the only Pentecostal. In November an Assemblies of God service was started. Interest is strong, attendance is growing, and many of other denominations are coming. It is a real challenge to promote a Full Gospel message among the 35,000 servicemen stationed here.

Cletta is teaching a sixth grade nearby and is very happy in her work.

We both greatly appreciate your guidance and encouragement toward this ministry in the military. I only wish that more of our young ministers would respond to the great mission field of the military chaplaincy. There is great freedom in preaching and in witnessing in the service."

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We have established that when people say, "hell," most often they are really referring to the Lake of Fire, which is the second death. Foolish people often joke about hell, saying that they will shovel coal to keep it hot. Ignorant people sometimes say they look forward to hell because their friends will be there. When Jesus gave us a glimpse of the rich man in hell, we saw the man in torments. He had no desire for companionship. Rather he expressed compassion for his unsaved brethren. The flames did not need fuel, they were fired by the same element that cause the sun to glow and the crust of the earth to erupt in volcanic explosions.

The purpose of hell is clearly outlined in Scripture. It is intended for the "... devil and his angels ..." Matthew 25:41. Jude 6 confirms this "... and angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day ..."

If angels that rebel against God and neglect salvation are judge, how shall we escape?

The Bible clearly tells us that no man needs to go to hell. John 3:16-18 tells us "... For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God ..."

An atheist once said to an evangelist "I do not believe in God, in heaven or in hell." Rather than argue the minister answered "If I live a consecrated life and die to find out that heaven and hell are a myth—what have I lost? I've probably lived longer, was healthier, and happier, and contributed more toward the welfare of others. But if you live in sin and die to find there is a heaven and a hell, you will have found out too late and all will be lost."

Ruben A. Wilson, Jr.

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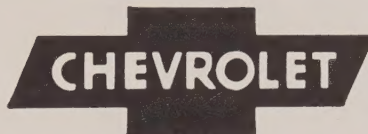


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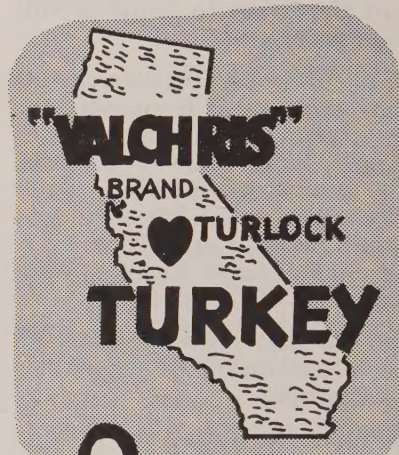
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